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In re Patent Application of)
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For: COLORING COMPOSITION, INK-)
JET INK AND INK JET)
RECORDING METHOD)

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed June 12, 2002, applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel claims 2 and 16 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Kindly replace claims 1, 4, 9-12 and 14 as follows:

1. (Amended) An ink-jet ink which contains a coloring composition formed by dispersing coloring particulates in a water-based medium, the coloring particulates containing a nonionic oil-soluble polymer, a hydrophobic high boiling point organic solvent having a boiling point of 150°C or more, and an oil-soluble dye, wherein the oil-soluble dye is represented by the following general formula (I):

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